After discovering they were the children of a group of super-villains known as the Pride, Nico Minoru and her friends stole weapons and resources from the criminals before running away from home and eventually defeating their parents. Together, the teenage RUNAWAYS now hope to atone for their parents' crimes by taking on the new threats trying to fill the Pride's void.

NICO MINORU
Daughter of
Dark Wizards

CHASE STEIN
Son of
Mad Scientists

MOLLY HAYES
Daughter of
Evil Mutants

VICTOR MANCHA
Son of a
Killer Robot

KAROLINA DEAN
Daughter of
Alien Invaders

XAVIN
Child of Shape-Shifting
Skrull Warlords

OLD LACE
Genetically
Engineered Dinosaur

United by the Avengers Failsafe Program, a protocol designed to assemble the next wave of Earth's Mightiest Heroes, the YOUNG AVENGERS have faced their fair share of devastating opponents. None, however, as potentially dangerous as the Superhuman Registration Act.

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Teddy Altman

HAWKEYE
Kate Bishop

STATURE
Cassie Lang

SPEED
Tommy Shepherd

VISION

After Stamford, Connecticut is destroyed during a televised fight between the New Warriors and a group of dangerous villains, public sentiment turns against super heroes. Advocates call for reform, and a Superhuman Registration Act is passed which will require all those possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government, divulge their true identities to the authorities and submit to training and sanctioning in the manner of federal agents. Anyone with super-powers who refuses to register is now a criminal.

Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. After being called upon to hunt down heroes in defiance of the Registration Act, Captain America goes underground and begins to form a resistance movement. The Young Avengers are quickly recruited by Cap and his allies.

In California, the Runaways maintain a stance of studied indifference...

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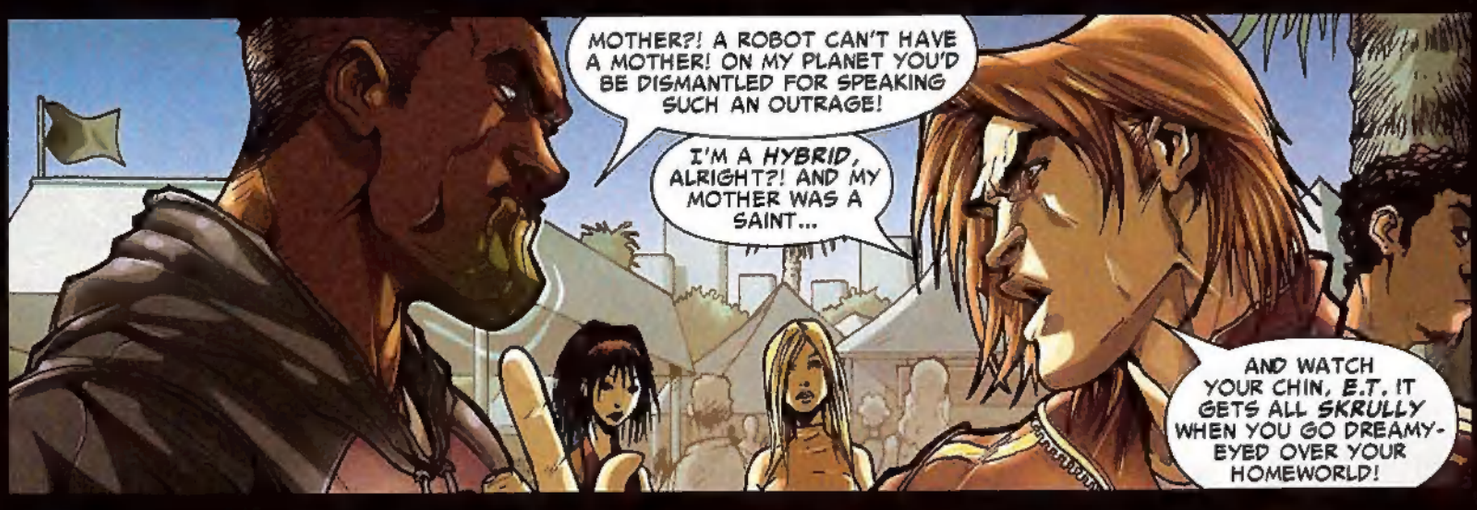
Los Angeles
Santa Monica Farmers' Market
ALL CLEAR HERE. COPY.
THE SANTA MONICA FARMERS' MARKET? REALLY?
HEY, NOW THAT MOST HEROES ARE CRIMINALS, PEOPLE DON'T FEEL SAFE...WE'VE GOT TO LET THEM KNOW THAT UNCLE SAM IS PICKING UP THE SLACK.
AND "UNCLE SAM" THINKS THESE ROGUE SUPERHUMANS ARE LOOKING FOR A GOOD DEAL ON PRODUCE?
C'MON, CHASE, THIS PLACE IS AWESOME! I HEAR THEY'VE GOT LEMONS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SWEET! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
THAT'S GREAT, MOLLY. WHY DON'T YOU GO LOOK FOR THEM?
YOU DON'T WANT TO COME WITH ME?
WE'VE GOT GROWN-UP STUFF TO DO, MOLLY. YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO PLAY BY YOURSELF!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SECURITY?
ca Farmers' Market
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER OFFICE
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DON'T LIKE IT. LET'S TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS AND GET OUT OF HERE.
YOU'VE GOT YOUR ALLOWANCE AND SHOPPING LISTS, SO HAVE FUN, BUT DON'T CALL ATTENTION TO YOURSELVES...
GEEZ, NICO...DO YOU HAVE TO CALL IT AN "ALLOWANCE"?

WHY THE INTEREST IN FOOD, ROBOT? DO YOU WANT TO ACT LIKE A HUMAN THAT BAD?
MY NAME'S "VICTOR," XAVIN. AND MY MOM USED TO MAKE TAMALES ALL THE TIME, SO BACK OFF.


MOTHER?! A ROBOT CAN'T HAVE A MOTHER! ON MY PLANET YOU'D BE DISMANTLED FOR SPEAKING SUCH AN OUTRAGE!
I'M A HYBRID, ALRIGHT?! AND MY MOTHER WAS A SAINT...
AND WATCH YOUR CHIN, E.T. IT GETS ALL SKRULLY WHEN YOU GO DREAMY-EYED OVER YOUR HOMEWORLD!

I THINK YOUR MOM WAS THE BEST, VICTOR. I MEAN, AT LEAST SHE WASN'T A SUPER-VILLAIN LIKE THE REST OF OURS...
YEAH, WELL, HAVING ULTRON FOR A DAD KIND OF MAKES US EVEN, DOESN'T IT?
YOUR BOYFRIEND SURE IS FITTING IN WELL...
HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND! SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND... SOMETIMES.
KIND OF.
REGARDLESS, I KNOW SKRULLS HAVE A HARD TIME GRIEVING FOR US LOWLY HUMANS, BUT LOSING GERT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN A MONTH TO GET OVER. I DON'T KNOW IF CHASE EVER WILL...

IT'S HARD FOR EVERYONE, NICO. YOU KNOW FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS IT ACTUALLY MADE ME MISS MY PARENTS?
I MEAN, DIDN'T YOU? JUST A LITTLE?
OUR PARENTS WERE EVIL, KAROLINA. IF THE PRIDE HADN'T SQUEEZED LOS ANGELES SO WELL FOR SO LONG, THERE WOULDN'T BE ALL THESE VILLAINS TRYING TO REPLACE THEM. WE COULD BE LIVING NORMAL LIVES, AND GERT WOULD NEVER HAVE...

NO. I DON'T MISS THEM...
I BLAME THEM.

EXCUSE ME, SIR? DO YOU MIND IF WE TAKE A LOOK IN YOUR BAG?
YES, ACTUALLY, I DO.
I'M AFRAID YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, SIR.
AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN I HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY...
HOLD IT, BUDDY--
I'VE GOT THIS, DOUG. "SIR, WITH THE INCREASED LEVEL OF SUPER HERO ACTIVITY, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL LICENSE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SEARCH ANY AND ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS."
SUSPICIOUS?! WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?!
PLEASE RELAX, SIR. YOU ARE OF ABOVE AVERAGE PHYSIQUE AND--
FASCIST PIGS... YOU THINK YOU CAN REGULATE SUPER-BEINGS, THE LAST *TRULY* INDEPENDENT POWER STRUCTURE!
I SAID *PUT THE BAG DOWN!*
I REJECT AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY!
HE'S GOT A WEAPON!

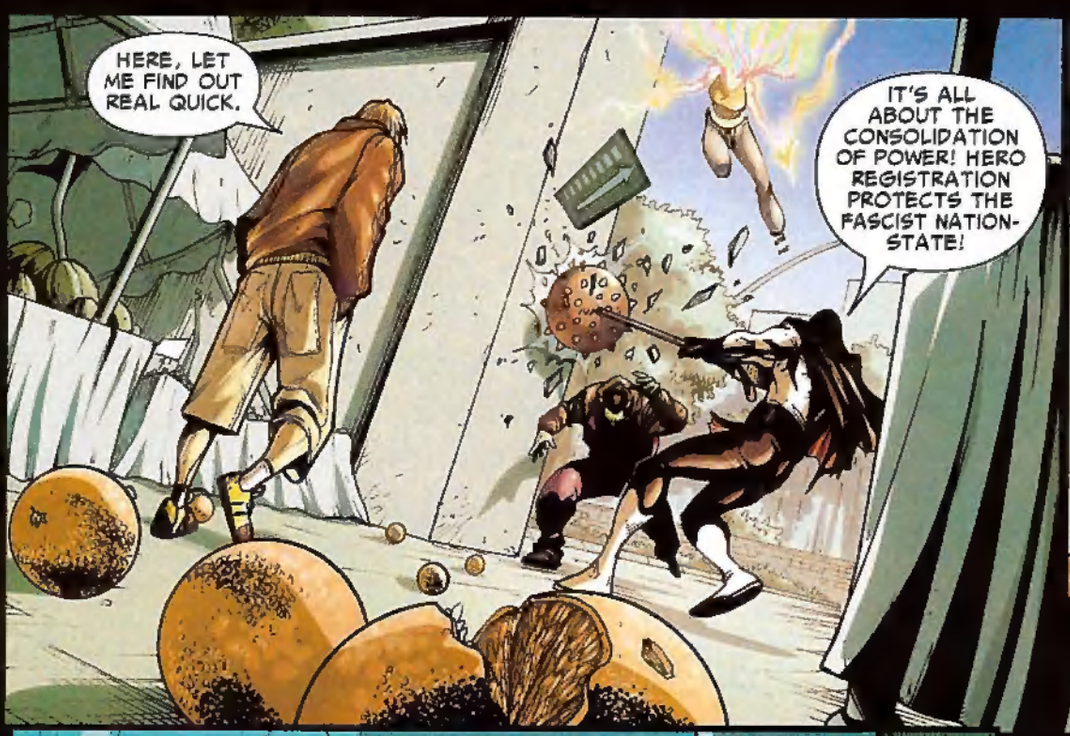
I REJECT YOUR NATIONALISTIC CULT!
I SMASH THE FLAG OF YOUR OPPRESSION!
ENTRANCE

CHASE! GO GET THE LEAPFROG!
WHAT?! I CAN HELP TAKE THIS GUY!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THE 'FROG LISTENS TO!
WAIT, IS THAT FLAG SMASHER? DIDN'T WE JUST FIGHT HIM A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO?
I GUESS LEAVING HIM TIED TO A LAMPPOST WITH A NOTE PINNED TO HIS SHIRT WASN'T THE BEST PLAN IN THE WORLD...
HA, CHASE! GERT TOLD YOU THAT WAS A BAD IDEA!
OH.
CHASE, I...
I'LL GET THE 'FROG.

+COUGH+
G-GOD... DOUG?
I AM THE FACE OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE!
I AM THE FACE OF REBELLION!
I AM THE FACE OF THE NEW... WORLD...
...ORD--
AARRMPH!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO?
LOS ANGELES IS UNDER OUR PROTECTION, VILLAIN.

VICTOR, YOU HAVE TO CUT ME! I NEED THE STAFF OF ONE!
I-I DON'T KNOW IF I FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING THAT, NICO...
COME ON! THEY NEED ME!
J-JUST WAIT, MAYBE I CAN TAKE CARE OF IT. WHAT ARE THIS GUY'S POWERS?

I...I DON'T KNOW. HE'S REALLY FAST... AND STRONG TOO. I THINK HE WEARS AN EXOSKELETON OR SOMETHING UNDER HIS COSTUME.
EXOSKELETON? LIKE A METAL EXOSKELETON?
I'M NOT SURE...


HERE, LET ME FIND OUT REAL QUICK.
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CONSOLIDATION OF POWER! HERO REGISTRATION PROTECTS THE FASCIST NATION-STATE!

HAVEN'T YOU FOOLS READ MARX? HAVEN'T YOU--

SORRY, I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A HISTORY CLASS IN MONTHS...BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOUR EXO-SKELETON IS A COMPLEX ALUMINUM/TITANIUM ALLOY...

WHAT? HOW DID YOU--
MOLLY?

ENTRANCE
GOT IT!
WHOMP!
HMMPH. YOU CHEATED.
WHAT, BECAUSE I FUSED HIS CIRCUITS WITH MY ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CONTROL?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, VICTOR! YOU'RE LIKE A COOL MAGNETO!
SLAM!
IT'S OKAY, DOUG. H-HANG IN THERE.
OH MY GOD...
WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL.
YOU...YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.
IT'S OKAY... WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS.
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
I-I KNOW. I'M SORRY.
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
SORRY? WHAT FOR?
NICO...

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...
WHAT'S GOING ON!? ARE WE IN TROUBLE?
WE'RE IN SOMETHING, MOLLY!

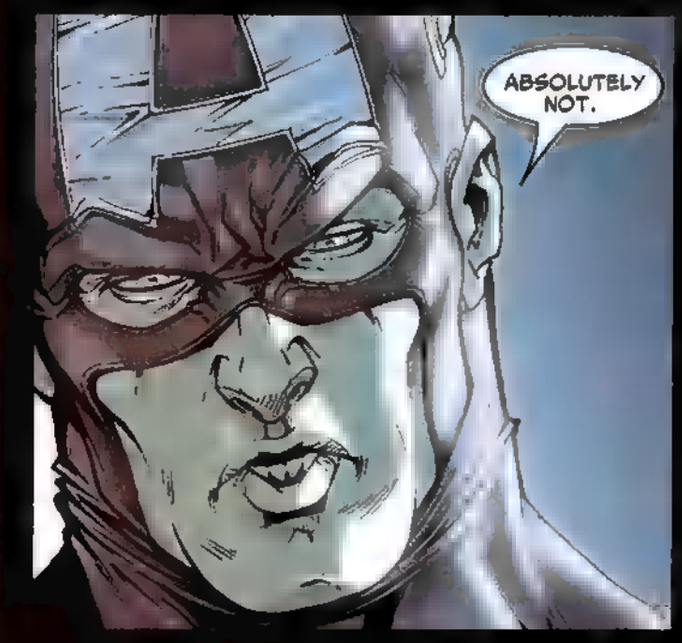
FIVE CONFIRMED CAPES.
RESPONSE LEVEL?
ALL REGISTER AS MINORS, WHICH GIVES THEM AN ADJUSTED PUBLIC SYMPATHY RATING OF MARK 8.
FIRING ELECTRO-NETS.
SIGH NO HARD STUFF, THEN.
VICTOR!
I'VE GOT IT.

WE'VE GOT A MAGNOPATH. ADJUST WEAPONS SYSTEM.
ADJUSTING.
EVERYONE MOVE! CHASE, WHY AREN'T WE CLOAKED?!
WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WE'RE RUNNING?! THIS IS SHAMEFUL!
NICO'S IN CHARGE, XAVIN! GO!
C'MON, VICTOR!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'LL KEEP THOSE MISSILES OFF OUR TAIL UNTIL WE CAN GET CLOAKED!
NON-LETHAL ORDNANCE IS INADEQUATE--WAIT A MINUTE. THIS ONE'S READING AS SYNTHETIC... RECALCULATING SYMPATHY RATING FOR NON-HUMAN COMBATANT...
I'M GETTING A MARK 3.
TIME FOR THE HARD STUFF THEN.
"LAUNCHING TEFLON PAYLOAD."

TEK
TEK
WHAT?
SQUEEEEEE!

A Secret Safehouse In New York
JOHNNY STORM IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A CIVILIAN MOB ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED THE NEW YORK ICON LAST--
--NEW YORK-BASED "YOUNG AVENGERS" BECAME THE LATEST BAND OF HEROES TO DEFY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS DEMANDING REGISTRATION--
--THE PRIDE'S WAYWARD CHILDREN THEN DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR, LEADING S.H.I.E.L.D. REPRESENTATIVES TO ASK FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN THEIR CAPTURE--
EVERY-THING'S GONE CRAZY.
YEAH, AND CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS US COOPED UP IN HERE ON "MONITOR DUTY."
WHICH IS ESPECIALLY POINTLESS SINCE THE VISION CAN MONITOR EVERY BROAD-CAST [redacted] THE WORLD AT ONCE.
I DON'T KNOW...I THINK I'D RATHER BE IN HERE THAN OUT THERE WITH ALL THE ADULTS.
EVERYONE'S SO DOUR...EVEN CAPTAIN AMERICA. NO ONE'S ACTING [redacted] THEM-SELVES.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT AFTER IRON MAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE, WICCAN? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR BEST FRIEND BETRAYED YOU ON NATIONAL TELEVISION?
IRON MAN WOULD NEVER "BETRAY" ANYONE, TOMMY... I'M SURE [redacted] HAS HIS REASONS FOR BACKING REGISTRATION.
UH, YEAH...LIKE HE'S A SELL-OUT.
SKY-COPTER 4 WAS ABLE TO CAPTURE THIS EXCLUSIVE FOOTAGE OF THE FINAL MOMENTS OF THE YOUNG SUPER-GROUP'S ESCAPE.
G-G-GRRRK
VISION?

SQUEEEEEE!
SQUEEEEE!
WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I-I'M SORRY. THE VIDEO FEED... DISTURBED ME.
WAIT A MINUTE...
THAT'S THE GROUP OF RUNAWAYS WHO LEFT HOME WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THEIR PARENTS WERE SUPER-VILLAINS..
YOU KNOW THEM?
I WANTED TO JOIN THEM, BEFORE I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE YOUNG AVENGERS.
ELI, THEY FIRED MISSILES AT THEM... AND THEY LOOKED ABOUT OUR AGE.
CAP'S UNDER-GROUND RESISTANCE HAS NO SUPPORT STRUCTURE SET UP IN LOS ANGELES...
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO MAKE ONE.
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. I'LL NEED TO TALK TO CAP.
OH, COME ON! LET'S JUST GO!
TOMMY'S RIGHT. THAT BOY LOOKED HURT.
YOU AND TOMMY HAVE BEEN MAKING QUITE THE TEAM LATELY...
ELI, IT'S NOT--
REGARDLESS, CAP IS IN CHARGE. I'M SURE HE'LL SEE THINGS OUR WAY.


ABSOLUTELY NOT.

WE WERE TOLD TO MONITOR FOR "SITUATIONS." WELL, WE FOUND ONE!
OUR FORCES ARE STRETCHED THIN AS IT IS.
AND YOU WANT US TO TURN OUR BACKS ON POSSIBLE RECRUITS?!

MAKE NO MISTAKE, ELI, A WAR IS BREWING. THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BAD. AND YOU ARE MY SOLDIERS. MY RESPONSIBILITY.
YOU STAY ON SITE, [redacted] I CAN PROTECT YOU.

WHAT'D HE SAY?
"NO." AND I DON'T THINK HE'S CHANGING HIS MIND... HE HAD THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE.

OH, LIKE THAT LOOK?

IWILLFINDTHE PRIDE'SKIDSIWILL FINDTHEPRIDE'S KIDSIWILL
HEY, THE GOTH GIRL'S PRETTY HOT. DO YOU THINK SHE'S--
IWILLFINDTHE PRIDE'SKIDSIWILL FINDTHEPRIDE'S KIDSIWILL
THE AVENGERS HAVE A FULL DOSSIER ON THESE GUYS. IT LOOKS LIKE CAPTAIN AMERICA HAD THEM PUT IN FOSTER HOMES AT ONE POINT, BUT THEY RAN AWAY.
I WANT EVERYONE BRIEFED BY THE TIME WE REACH THE WEST COAST.
FINDTHE PRIDE'SKIDSIWILL FINDTHEPRIDE'S KIDS
HEY, DO YOU *REALLY* HAVE TO DO THAT *EVERY* TIME YOU CAST A SPELL?
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO COMPLAIN *EVERY* TIME HE CASTS A SPELL?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, VISION?
YES. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN FEEDBACK IN ONE OF THE VIDEO CHANNELS...I AM FINE.
YOU SEEM DISTRACTED...AM I BOTHERING YOU SITTING HERE?
OH, OF COURSE NOT, I--
I HOPE WE DON'T GET IN TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR DISOBEYING CAP.
HE WAS UNDER STRESS AND MADE THE WRONG CALL. THESE GUYS ALL HAVE SUPER-VILLAINS FOR PARENTS...

"...WHO'S TO SAY HOW MUCH THEY CAN TAKE BEFORE THEY GO INTO THE FAMILY BUSINESS?"
JEEZ. [redacted] SHOULD PROBABLY START SKIPPING THE "FRIENDS" RERUNS AND WATCHING THE NEWS. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE--
THE REMAINING AVENGERS, LED BY IRON MAN, HAVE VOWED TO HELP AUTHORITIES TRACK DOWN SUPER-HUMANS UNWILLING TO REGISTER...
THE AVENGERS ARE TRYING TO GET US?
KAROLINA, WHAT [redacted] THE MATTER?
LOOK WHAT THEY [redacted] TO VICTOR...WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?
YES, BUT WE [redacted] LUCKY IT WAS JUST A ROBOT THAT WAS DAMAGED, [redacted] NOT A REAL PERSON.
XAVIN, THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR YOUR "ROBOPHOBIA" SCHTICK, DO YOU HEAR ME!?
GRRRRR!
HOW COULD YOU--G-GET AWAY FROM ME!
I...I SIMPLY MEAN THAT REPAIR IS POSSIBLE!
THAT'S RIGHT! I MEAN, YOU CAN FIX HIM, CAN'T YOU, CHASE?
I DON'T KNOW, MOLLY! #$%@, GIVE ME THREE SECONDS [redacted]!
CHASE...

THREE SECONDS...I'LL GIVE YOU FOREVER, YOU JACK--
HI. YOU MUST BE MOLLY.
WE'RE THE YOUNG AVENGERS. YOU NEED TO COME WITH US.
I TOLD YOU MY LOCATING SPELL WORKED.

AVENGERS? S-STAY AWAY FROM ME...
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID, WE'RE HERE TO TAKE YOU SOME-PLACE SAFE.
LET ME HANDLE THIS, ELI.
WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS, MOLLY, THERE'S NO NEED TO HIDE...
WHAT A CUTIE...I GUESS SHE'S JUST A LITTLE SPOOKED.
CASSIE, LOOK OUT!

WHY DO YOU AVENGERS KEEP TRYING TO HURT US!?
WHAT--NO! WE'RE THE YOUNG AVENGERS!
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY "YOUNG" TO ME!
WELL, YEAH. WHAT ARE YOU, LIKE, EIGHT?
I'M TWELVE, JERK! AND I'M A MUTANT WITH SUPER-STRENGTH...SO THAT'S LIKE BEING THIRTEEN AT LEAST!
THIS IS GOING WELL...

VICTOR'S...PARTS ARE STILL MOVING. MAYBE HE'S TRYING TO REPAIR HIMSELF.
DO WE NEED TO...I DON'T KNOW... PLUG HIM IN?
NICO...
WE NEED TO TALK.
MOLLY!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO HER?!
WE'RE JUST TRYING TO HELP, GUYS, REALLY...
SHE ATTACKED US, BUT WE DIDN'T MEAN TO--
UH, GUYS...IS THAT THE VISION?
YZZKKKA--GARRR!

TO BE CONTINUED...